IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices, comprising:

a master control device comprising an embedded web server, peer interface module, and host software;

a plurality of linked devices that communicate with, and that are controlled by, said embedded web server of said master control device, said plurality of linked devices each comprising an interface that communicates with the peer interface module of said master control device to be controlled by said embedded web server; and

means for providing a user operated web browser for communicating with said master control device in order to access said plurality of linked devices, wherein said user operated web browser controls said plurality of linked devices through said master control device and said user operated web browser receives data directly from said plurality of linked devices that have been selected.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said peer interface module of said master control device has an addressing capability for communicating individually with each of the interface modules of said plurality of linked devices.

Claim 3 (original): The peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said master control device and said plurality of linked devices each comprises a device from the group of digital video recorder, digital video encoder, and network camera.

Claim 4 (original): The peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 3, wherein each digital video recorder is operatively connected to at least one camera.

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Claim 5 (original): The peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said master control device and said linked devices are each operatively connected to at least one camera.

Claim 6 (original): The peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 5, wherein said web browser provides HTTP commands to said master control device for receiving a video stream from at least one of said predetermined EWS devices in said EWS system.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices, comprising:

a master control device comprising an embedded web server, peer interface means and host software;

a plurality of linked devices that communicate with, and that are controlled by, said embedded web server of said master control device, said plurality of linked devices each comprising an interface that communicates with the peer interface means of said master control device to be controlled by said embedded web server;

means for providing a user operated web browser for communicating with said master control device in order to access said plurality of linked devices; and

at least one camera operatively connected to said master control device, and at least one camera operatively connected to each of said plurality of linked devices wherein said cameras are controlled by said user operated web browser through said master control device and said user operated web browser receives images directly from any of said cameras that have been selected.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said peer interface means of said master control device has an addressing capability for communicating individually with each of the interfaces of said plurality of linked devices.

Claim 9 (original): The embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity

of devices in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said master control device and said plurality of linked devices each comprises a digital video recorder.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said master control device is operatively connected to each of said at least one cameras of said linked devices.

Claim 11 (original): The embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said web browser provides HTTP commands to said master control device for receiving a video stream from at least one of said predetermined devices in said EWS system.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices, comprising:

a master control device comprising a peer interface having an embedded web server and host software;

a plurality of linked devices that communicate with, and that are controlled by, said embedded web server of said master control device, said plurality of linked devices each comprising an interface that communicates with the peer interface module of said master control device allowing control of each said linked device by said embedded web server through said interface; and

a web browser configured to access ~~accessible by~~ the master control device and allow the web browser to control said plurality of linked devices through the master control device and directly receive data from ~~that allows the master control device to view~~ each of said plurality of linked devices.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said peer interface module of said master control device has an addressing capability for communicating individually with each of the interface modules of said plurality of linked devices.

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Claim 14 (previously presented): The distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said master control device and said plurality of linked devices each comprises a device from the group of digital video recorder, digital video encoder, and network camera.

Claim15 (previously presented): The distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 14, wherein each digital video recorder is operatively connected to at least one camera.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said master control device and said linked devices are each operatively connected to at least one camera.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 16, wherein said web browser provides HTTP commands to said master control device for receiving a video stream from at least one of said predetermined EWS devices in said EWS system.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The distributed server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 12, further comprising a viewer within web browser that allows each of said linked devices to be viewed by said master control device.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The distributed server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 18, further comprising a web page within said web browser allows incorporation at least one additional of said linked devices into the distributed server system.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The distributed server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 19, wherein said web page provides address entry of said at least one additional of said linked devices and incorporation of said at least one additional of said linked into said viewer.